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Date: October 16, 2009 Kristine Stedthoff

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RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's interview summary, mailed September 17, 2009.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks

Examiner Trinh is thanked for the courtesies extended to the undersigned Attorney in their telephone conference of September 11, 2009.

Applicant confirms and agrees to the Examiner's Substance of the Interview mailed September 17, 2009.

The undersigned Attorney for Applicant advised the Examiner that the Request for Continued Examiner (RCE) filed on September 4, 2009 – had been erroneously filed. The Examiner confirmed that the RCE would be withdrawn on the basis of an improper filing (no final Office Action issued).

The Examiner also advised that the Office Action (restriction requirement) mailed August 21, 2009 – would be withdrawn and a new Office Action on-the-merits would be mailed.

Applicant's Response to Interview Summary is submitted within 30 days of the September 17, 2009 mailing date of the Examiner's Interview Summary.

Extension of Term.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. If any extension and/or fee are required, please charge Account No. 23-2053.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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